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AMEMBASSY ROME

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SUBJ: GRAIN MOVEMENT BY ROAD DAKAR - BAMAKO

FOR: ROME FOR FODAG

1. FROM RECENT TRIP OF FED REP AND SOCOPAO DIRECTOR, WE INFORMED THAT ROAD DAKAR TO MALIAN BORDER IN GOOD CONDITION. THE APPROX 94 KILOMETERS STRETCH FROM KIDIRA TO KAYES IN POOR CONDITION AND ONLY PASSABLE BY SMALL 4 WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES. INITIAL EVALUATION BY FED REP WHO IS CIVIL ENGINEER IS THAT WITH FILL, SCRAPING AND GRADING THIS STRETCH OF ROAD COULD BE PUT IN CONDITION IN 3 MONTHS. THIS WOULD PERMIT TRUCKS TO HAUL RELIEF SUPPLIES FROM DAKAR TO BAMAKO OPENING YET ANOTHER LINE OF SUPPLY. IT ALSO NECESSARY MODIFY EXISTING 100 METERS BRIDGE OVER SENEGAL RIVER TRIBUTARY WITH PLANKING TO ACCOMMODATE TRUCKS IN ADDITION TO TRAINS. MALIAN RR REPS DAKAR STATE THAT TWO OTHER RR BRIDGES IN MALI PRESENTLY USED FOR THIS DUAL PURPOSE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE REDSO ENGINEER RECON THIS STRETCH OF ROAD AND BRIDGE TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY AND TIME FRAME WITH VIEW TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING THIS DURING NEXT DRY SEASON.

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FED HAS ALSO INDICATED INTEREST IN OPENING THIS ADDITIONAL

LINE OF SUPPLY. IT ESTIMATED THAT WE COULD MOVE AN
ADDITIONAL 3,000 OR MORE TONS RELIEF SUPPLIES PER MONTH
IF THIS ROAD CAN BE OPENED.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALTHOUGH SENEGAL AND MALI DO NOT
WISH ROAD TO COMPETE WITH RR THEY WILLING TO PERMIT ITS USE FOR
HAULING RELIEF SUPPLIES.
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